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Russian freed to fly to Moscow

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Double triumph for Labour leader



Kinnock plays for high stakes over defence

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor Mr Neil Kinnock gambled yesterday on making Labour's unilateralist defence policy the centrepiece of his party's election platform... Mr Kinnock won a significant victory from the conference for his speech...

Left wing lose out as Heffer is voted off Labour NEC

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday tightened his grip on the Labour Party machine after elections to the ruling national executive which resulted in losses for the hard left and the removal of one of his fiercest adversaries Mr Eric Heffer...

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Odds on Sunday?

Horse racing has a bigger paying public than any other sport, yet it misses out on the biggest pay day of all - Sunday. Now the industry is debating plans for Sunday racing and even Sunday opening for betting shops...

Kremlin made the running, Tass says

From Christopher Walker, Moscow The way was dramatically opened last night for the possibility of two superpower summits before the end of the year with a brief announcement from Tass, the official Soviet news agency...



Portfolio Gold

The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by Mrs E. Sinfield of Truro, Cornwall. Details, page 3. Portfolio list, page 25; rules and how to play, information service, page 20.

UK fights to stop sport curb

From John Goodbody Dublin Britain was struggling yesterday to stop the Council of Europe from demanding Government action if British competitors visit South Africa for sports events...

Sealink crews stage sit-in

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent Two ferries operated by Sealink British Ferries were being held in port by their crews last night following an announcement that the company was to reduce jobs on services to the Channel Islands and Cherbourg by about 460...

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Holiday bonus

Britain's holiday prices battle entered a hard-hitting new round as Thomson Holidays, the biggest tour operator, launched programmes for next summer with many average prices unchanged. Page 21

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McGuigan writ

Barry McGuigan, the former World Boxing Association featherweight champion, is taking out a High Court writ to sever his connections with his manager B J Eastwood

Captain Hill

Richard Hill, the Bath scrum-half, has been named as captain of England's rugby union international against Japan at Twickenham on October 11. Page 39

Tenants to get a better deal

By Robin Oakley In an effort to control the house price spiral, the Government is determined to provide a better deal for people seeking rented accommodation in the private sector. Mr John Patten, the Minister for Housing, will tell next week's Conservative conference that he intends to establish a Right-to-Rent legislation designed to be as powerful and appealing as the Right-to-Buy legislation...

Suicide bid 'just like a circus'

Mr Ian Wood, the solicitor wanted for questioning in connection with two murders, abandoned his attempt to commit suicide by jumping from Amiens cathedral roof because it was 'being turned into a circus', his brother said yesterday. He could not stand 'the thought of his family seeing his fall on television'. Mr Mark Wood said. He had a 15-minute meeting with his brother, who is wanted for questioning police in Sheffield in connection with the shootings of his French mistress, Danielle Ledez, and her daughter, aged three. Report, page 3

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# Mob chanted 'kill, kill' as riot PC was kicked and stabbed, court told

Eye-witness accounts of the murder of Police Constable Keith Blakelock during riots in Tottenham, north London, were given in the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

For the first time in public, details were disclosed of how the officer, aged 40, who had three children, was hacked to death.

Police Constable Michael Shepard told the jury that he was in a group with PC Blakelock when they were trapped by a mob on the Broadwater Farm Estate.

"Youths came towards us with staves and a primitive form of flame-thrower which they attempted to use.

"Fortunately they were using too much gas and it was only giving out blue flashes," he said.

"I saw a group of 40 or 50 people in a circle around

something on the ground. I now know it was Keith Blakelock. They were stabbing and shouting 'kill, kill, kill'. A spike went into my helmet and I was knocked to the ground."

Police Constable Miles Barton, a friend of the dead officer, said in evidence that he was carrying a shield and had PC Blakelock behind him when they were attacked by a man with a machete.

"As soon as he started attacking us there were what seemed like hundreds around us," he said.

"I saw Blakelock on the ground being stabbed, kicked and punched. His body was lifeless and it moved like a rag doll when it was kicked."

"The man with the machete attacked the body. There was a youth with a long piece of drapery hitting the body with it."

They were giving evidence at the trial of Simon MacMinn, aged 19, of Liston Road, Tottenham, who denies charges of affray and shop burglary during the riots on October 6 last year.

Det Chief Supt David French, one of the first senior officers on the scene, told the jury that he had received information several days before the riots that "organized and pre-planned violence" would occur.

"It had all the elements of having been set up," he said.

Mr MacMinn was alleged to have confessed to being close to a crowd at the spot where the officer was murdered. "I knew something bad was happening. They were out to kill somebody," he told detectives later.

The trial continues today.



The Jiving Lindy Hoppers, a group of young Londoners, reviving the American dance form of "lindy hopping" yesterday at the ICA Theatre in London. They were marking the launch of Dance Umbrella '86, claimed as Britain's largest showcase for international contemporary dance, which will run for six weeks from next Monday (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

## Falklands author challenges BBC

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

The author of a controversial play about the Falklands conflict yesterday challenged the BBC's explanation for postponing production until after the next general election.

The BBC said it had decided in July that the characterization of an incumbent Prime Minister and serving members of the Cabinet would have been irresponsible, and an "unnecessary drama/risk" in the run-up to an election.

However, Mr Ian Curteis claims that the £1 million production was shelved because he refused to make political changes to his script, which he says conflicted with a previous assurance from Mr Alasdair Milne, director general of the BBC.

Mr Curteis said: "On June 2, the director general personally assured me that the coming election would not be a valid reason for cancelling the play. This was later confirmed in correspondence."

Mr Curteis subsequently suggested that the play be produced on schedule, but transmitted after the election, instead of on April 2 next year — the fifth anniversary of the Argentine invasion.

Mr Curteis has alleged that a BBC executive asked him to consider changing certain scenes, to give the impression that some government decisions were taken for political gain.

He rejected BBC denials that it had sought to alter the

political slant of the play.

"It is absolutely plain that this major production was cancelled because I refused to comply with an attempt to falsify recent history in a particularly ugly way. The producer, the director and myself were united in rejecting such pressure," he said.

The BBC decision has left Mr Cedric Messina, the producer, in the enviable position of having secured a lucrative seven-month contract with ostensibly nothing to do. The corporation is expected to offer him an alternative production, however he is under no contractual obligation to accept it.

Several Conservative politicians have expressed concern about the affair.

Mr Nicholas Soames, MP, is writing to Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, and Mr Gerald Howarth, MP, said yesterday: "It is scandalous that the BBC has apparently assumed the role of official rewriter of British history."

## Choice of corporation chairman is delayed

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

The selection of a new BBC chairman has been delayed after the rejection by Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, of a shortlist of candidates put to her by the Home Office.

An official familiar with the selection process said yesterday: "The appointment is no longer imminent."

The BBC has been without a chairman since the death late in August of Sir Stuart Young.

BBC officials hoped that Lord Barnett, a childless

moderate who is the corporation's vice-chairman, would get the job. But in rejecting the Home Office shortlist, Mrs Thatcher has implicitly ruled him out.

BBC officials yesterday admitted they were fearful about the consequences of allegations that the BBC sought to amend a play about the Falklands conflict.

The dispute may strengthen the resolve of the Prime Minister to appoint a hard-line chairman.

## Portfolio Gold Woman of 73 is winner

A retired Civil Servant is the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mrs Elizabeth Sinfield, aged 73, from Perranarwathal, near Truro in Cornwall, has played the Portfolio game for five years and the Portfolio Gold game for the past six months.

She said she could not believe her luck.

"I kept on checking the numbers before I phoned The Times because I wanted to be sure that I wouldn't be wrong," she said.

Asked what she intended doing with her prize money, Mrs Sinfield said: "There are so many things I would like to buy. But I'd rather wait and think about it."

Readers who wish to play the game can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: Portfolio Gold, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.

## Campaign to revive more victims

Hundreds of lives could be saved each year if people knew simple rules about resuscitation, the Royal Society of Medicine claimed yesterday.

It said hundreds of thousands of people die every year, before an ambulance reaches them, either after a road accident or a heart attack.

Launching its "Save a Life" campaign yesterday, Mrs Penny Welch, the campaign director, said she hoped that 250,000 people could be trained in simple resuscitation techniques within the next six months.

## Solicitor will not fight extradition

By Diana Geddes and Ian Smith

Mr Ian Wood, the solicitor being sought by police in connection with the murder of his French mistress and her daughter, was awaiting extradition to Britain last night after being transferred to the Amiens jail.

M. René Hardy, the public prosecutor in Amiens, said that Mr Wood, aged 36, had been taken to the prison from a police cell in the town.

Shortly before his transfer, Mr Wood was seen for quarter of an hour in the office of the Amiens chief of police by his brother Mark, aged 29, and his sister, Mrs Victoria Weeks, aged 31.

They said their brother, who appeared calm but was very emotional, would not be opposing extradition.

Mr Wood was arrested by French police after threatening to throw himself from the top of the Amiens Cathedral on Monday. He came down after nearly six hours of negotiations with the police and a Catholic priest.

Mr Mark Wood said that his brother had apparently come over to France on a ferry last week, and had first gone to Paris, where he had visited various churches, including Notre Dame.

He had then driven to Amiens, the home town of his murdered French mistress, Danielle Ledez.

Mr Mark Wood said: "He

was not armed and was never a threat to anyone except himself. He wanted to commit suicide but his problem was that he had no gun, no weapon of any sort. That's why he decided to jump from a tall building."

He chose the cathedral because he had easy access to the top and because he wanted to talk to a priest before committing suicide.

However, by the time the priest arrived, a crowd had already gathered and were "turning the whole thing into a circus."

He "could not stand the thought of his family seeing his fall on television."

His sister said that there was a lot of family there who were unable to say at present because of the affair being *sub judice*, but that her brother was greatly comforted by the idea that "the truth can be heard at a trial."

He had been greatly distressed by the "gross lies" which had appeared in the press, she said.

The Abbé Marc, the prison priest who had spoken with Mr Wood as he stood teetering on a cathedral gargoyle 190 feet above the ground, said that he had "a lot of admiration" for Mr Wood.

The public prosecutor's office said the French police were now awaiting a formal extradition request from Britain.

## Neglected child was called 'Oi'

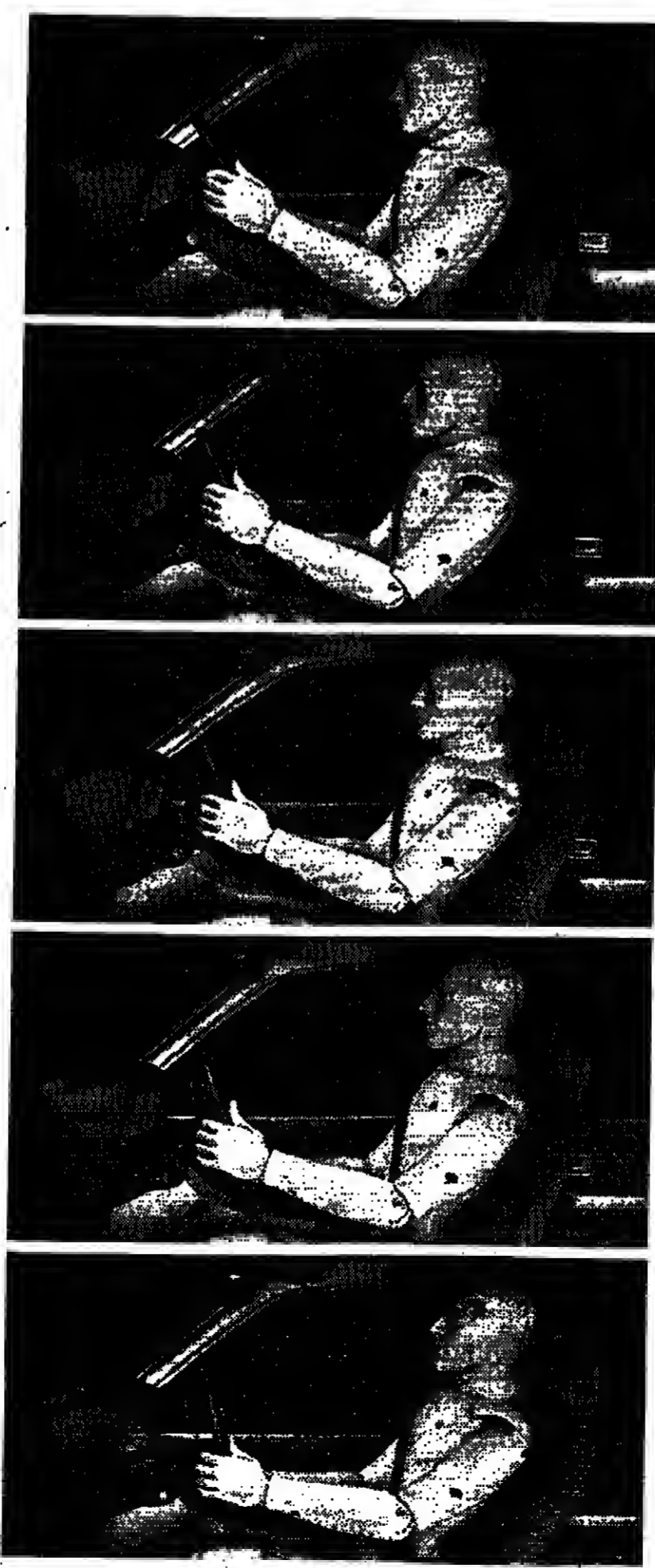
By Angella Johnson

A girl aged three thought her name was "Oi" because that was what her parents called her, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said yesterday.

When an NSPCC officer visited the house after being called by neighbours, the child was so starved of affection she rushed to put her thin arms around him. Her parents insisted the child was happy, but the inspector found no toys in the house.

Sarah was put into care and investigations showed that her stepfather resented the child and the mother was too scared to show she cared.

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## Pregnancy warning over Aids

Pregnancy increases the risk of contracting Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) women were warned yesterday.

The Terence Higgins Trust appealed to sexually active women, especially those who have bisexual partners, to avoid becoming pregnant.

In a leaflet, *Women and Aids*, the trust said that women in high risk groups, or whose partners were in high risk groups and those who had been diagnosed as carrying the Aids virus should avoid pregnancy. That also applied to women who had decided not to take an Aids virus test.

"If you do become pregnant you might want to consider having an abortion as pregnancy increases the chances of an infected woman developing Aids," the leaflet says.

Women infected with the Aids virus might pass it on to their unborn children.

The British Pregnancy Advisory Service has announced that from now on sperm deposits will be put "in quarantine" while donors undergo Aids tests.

The Institute of Housing will hold a seminar in London on Friday to train housing officers how to deal with occupants who have Aids. Sufferers had been harassed by neighbours urging them to leave their homes.

## Victims of rape still doubted

Rape victims whose experiences do not fit preconceptions of police, courts and society are often still treated with scepticism, a leading police expert on rape investigations yesterday told a conference of senior officers.

Commander Thelma Wagstaff, who led a Scotland Yard working party which radically changed rape investigations in London, said few doubts were raised when victims were under 10 or over 70; had suffered extreme violence or threats with weapons; were attacked by a gang, or there had been similar incidents in the area.

Yet outside those categories there was sometimes a "huge reluctance" by society to accept rape had occurred.

Miss Wagstaff, who was presenting a paper on the work on rape in London to the annual conference of the Police Superintendents' Association, said there were seven situations which threw up scepticism.

Those were incidents where the victim offered no resistance or did not try to escape. Other situations included one where no violence was used; where the woman took some time to report the incident

## On-the-spot road fines start today

Police traffic patrols go out today armed with pads of fixed penalty tickets with which to penalize motorists under the new system of "on-the-spot" justice (Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent, writes).

Motorists who commit one of a wide range of offences — from speeding to having defective tyres or failing to wear a seat belt — may find themselves faced with a fixed penalty ticket for £12 or £24, ally ticket for whether the offending is endorsable. Offenders face 28 days in which to pay or request a court hearing.

The new system, which extends the penalty of the parking ticket to a whole range of more serious offences, is aimed at saving time and money by reducing the number of

cases going through the courts. But unlike the parking ticket, on which some £12 million a year is lost in unpaid fines in London alone, the Government is determined that the new fixed penalty tickets will be paid.

If the motorist decides to ignore his ticket, the penalty will be increased by 50 per cent and the sum payable registered in the driver's local court as a fine for which the court will be able to use its powers to secure payment.

The Home Office says: "It's not a cheap way to break the law. To ignore the ticket will make you automatically answerable to the court and prove expensive."

Police have discretion whether to warn, give a fixed penalty ticket or prosecute.

**London degrees**

A further list of degrees awarded by the University of London will be published tomorrow.

LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

Leader's speech • Naming judges • Prisons policy • NEC vote

Labour will stand with Allies, Kinnock pledges

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, made a speech in his address to the Labour Party conference in Blackpool yesterday that an incoming Labour Government would not withdraw vital non-nuclear facilities that were critical of the defence and intelligence needs of the United States.

A society more divided than since the last war

continue to play their part in providing security for the American people. No US Government would want to sacrifice that, he told the conference but only after he voiced his opinion that if a member of Nato was to seek to subordinate the policies of a democratically-elected allied government it would be invalidating the very principles of democracy and sovereignty that Nato existed to defend.

have come as such a surprise considering the assembly had the inspirational experience of being addressed by Dr Owen. "As the Tories and the Liberals and SDP falter, our party is entering its fourth year of recovery and of advance. That recovery has been worked for by all people across the movement."

There is a moral majority. It is broadminded and compassionate

asked himself: "Just where do they get their idea of morality?" He went on: "There is a moral majority; it is not narrow, bigoted, self-righteous, crude; it is broadminded and compassionate. That majority is not sentimental; it is realistic for it knows that if its morality is going to have a practical effect it must be backed by material provision."



Mr Denis Healey, the shadow Foreign Secretary, and his wife, Edna, in Blackpool yesterday for the conference

Britain has to make its way to recovery, produce its way to recovery

nothing approaching liberty and none of the neighbouring countries would be able to live in lasting peace. "That is why we want to hasten the day of change. And the lever we chose for that is strict and strong sanctions against South Africa, for they are the only practical means of trying to promote an end to apartheid that is not soaked in the blood of millions."

How far will the left press?

The critical question, on which a great deal in British politics may depend over the next year or so, will be how far the left presses the party leadership in advance of the election, and how publicly it does so.

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Divisions on independent schooling

Independent schools could face a future where they all became truly "public" if a motion passed by the Labour conference is put into effect.

INDUSTRY

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TODAY'S AGENDA

This morning the conference turns its attention to foreign affairs with debates on the Third World, South Africa, Nicaragua, Iran and Iraq. This afternoon delegates will consider energy policy and party organization covering women, blacks and youth.

GAY RIGHTS

'We must be party of equality'

Delegates forced a card vote at the end of a debate on lesbian and gay rights to get the motion written into the party's programme. Although the motion, instructing the national executive committee to draft a lesbian and gay rights policy and calling on Labour local authorities and groups to adopt policies to prevent discrimination, was carried on a show of hands, it needed a card vote with a two-thirds majority to be written into the party programme.

LAW REFORM

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Table with 4 columns: Results of the Labour Party National Executive Committee elections were: Trade Union Sections, Not elected, Women members, and Not elected. Lists names and vote counts for various constituencies.

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COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

Last year Neil Kinnock electrified the conference and impressed the country with his attacks first on the Liverpool Militants and then on Arthur Scargill's leadership of the miners. He had to demonstrate that he was able to stand up to the extremists and he succeeded magnificently.

# Hurd says more police accountability would put enemies in control

By Stewart Tendler  
Crime Reporter

Labour proposals for greater police accountability would mean handing control of the police in some of the most dangerous areas to their very enemies, senior police commanders were told yesterday by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary.

Mr Hurd made his attack on accountability plans while addressing a conference of the Police Superintendents' Association at Harrogate as the Labour Party conference in Blackpool debated police issues yesterday morning.

The Home Secretary told an audience representing more than 2,000 police commanders that in spite of the difficult situation in inner-city areas they managed to balance the need to keep the peace with enforcing the law.

He said: "In circumstances like these I thank heaven for the operational independence of chief officers and for the traditional delegation of authority to the man on the spot."

Mr Hurd told the conference: "Ideas now being bandied about for greater accountability may sound cosy at party conferences."

"But if, as I believe, they in practice would mean handing control of the police in some of the most dangerous areas to the enemies of the police, then how is the individual citizen to be protected? ... the concept of operational independence under the law suits British policing best."

There was controversy over the use of plastic bullets and the tactics of handling disorder but the Home Secretary told his police audience: "It will be interesting to see how some of your critics would react to being placed in the front line of a riot situation."

Asked to define what he meant by "enemies" Mr Hurd said: "I am not talking about the Labour Party as a whole because what I have said would not fit the wishes of Mr Kinnock or Mr Kaufman, but they need to put their own house in order in that respect."

Mr Hurd said he was referring to a number of London boroughs and the situation in Manchester, where the police were attacked in a glossy ma-

## Labour is accused on picketing

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, yesterday accused the Labour Party of ducking the question of how the police should respond to picket line violence of the kind seen in the printworkers' dispute at Wapping, east London (Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter, writes).

He told industrialists in Bradford that the responsibility for police involvement in such disturbances lay not, as Labour maintained, with government policies, but with the practice of mass picketing — destined to become more common under the Opposition's proposed new union laws.

He added: "I have not been able to get a straight answer to the simple question: 'Faced with attempts by mass picketing to prevent workers who have chosen to go to work from going about their lawful occupations, what are the police supposed to do? Ignore the picketing and allow bullying tactics to triumph?'"

"If Labour thinks the police should not protect one group of trade unionists from their more militant brethren, then this gives a more sinister dimension to the title of their law and order document, 'Protecting our People'."

The Home Secretary also said that Labour's promise to repeal the Prevention of Terrorism Act was "an act of appeasement of their own left wing" and would deprive the police of a crucial weapon in their armoury.

He suggested that a future Labour government might, through lack of money, renege on its promise to put "more bobbies on the beat".

gazine prepared by a local police monitoring group.

There were plenty of Labour authorities and individual politicians who were supportive of the police, but there were others in London and Manchester who were constantly sniping at the police and undermining their efforts.

The Home Secretary pointed to criticisms of the police and other comments from local politicians after the Broad-

water Farm estate riot last year.

There was also the antipathy by some London boroughs to police programmes for crime prevention or police visits to schools.

During his speech to the conference Mr Hurd addressed the question of manpower shortages which has already drawn criticism from the association which is calling for more men.

The Home Secretary promised that several hundred more officers are likely to be given to forces in the next few months as part of a programme announced earlier this year.

But told police: "In seeking more resources I cannot use the crude argument that more officers will produce a drop in crime. That would fly in the face of all the evidence."

He said he had to show that more officers were needed for specific tasks and that is what he was doing.

Increases in police and civilian staff already announced would lead to an increase of 4,400 in operational police strengths during the next few years.

In spite of the criticism of the lack of manpower many forces were below establishment.

At the end of July, Mr Hurd said, there were 1,024 vacancies in provincial forces and 10 forces had a shortfall of more than 1.5 per cent of their establishment. The Metropolitan Police had 733 vacancies on its establishment, which included 300 extra posts given to it this year.

London was recruiting and other forces should do the same because, the Home Secretary said, the money was available.

Noting the problems faced by the police Mr Hurd pointed to the cost of the Wapping dispute where he said 379 officers had been injured and 1,181 arrests made.

He said he was saddened to see valuable police resources diverted and hoped the dispute would be resolved soon.

What the police faced was not mainly a matter of printworkers exercising their right to picket but "a matter of undisciplined groups seeking an outlet for violence".



Captain Mark Phillips, carrying a spade to cut the first turf for a £3 million equestrian centre to be built at Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire.

Captain Phillips, who will manage the centre when it opens in 1988, said yesterday that it will rival the best in the world. As well as providing riding instruction, it is envisaged that the centre will stage international events.

Captain Phillips said: "I thought it would be wonderful if I could do more teaching in the United Kingdom."

The centre, subject to final planning approval, will be built on an eight-acre site. A 30,000 sq ft arena will seat 500 spectators and 70 competitors (Photograph: Tom Kidd).

## Crown court service

# Solicitors' role a pay issue

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Rights for solicitors to appear in crown courts will be one of the key issues tied in with the next round of pay talks about to start between the two branches of the legal profession and the Government.

The Bar is to press for a change in the rules so that barristers can appear on their own in crown court cases without a solicitor needing to attend them.

Solicitors are determined however that if lawyers are allowed to appear alone in the crown court, then it must be on the basis that the lawyer can be either a barrister or a solicitor.

In the last pay round 2 per cent of the Bar's pay rise, which takes effect today, was in return for agreeing that barristers might appear alone in magistrates' courts. Now Bar leaders want to reach agreement with the Law Society that the same might apply in crown court cases.

The issue is likely to be one of the most controversial in the next round of discussions. It was raised by officials in the last pay talks when the Law Society described it as "the most significant proposal from the Government" but no agreement was reached.

At that time the Law Society said that if the Government "insists for public purse considerations" that crown court cases can be conducted by one lawyer, then it must be possible for that lawyer to be either a solicitor or barrister.

But the Bar chairman, Mr Robert Alexander, QC, indicated last week that there might be room for manoeuvre. Addressing a solicitors' conference he outlined the pros and cons of granting solicitors limited crown court rights in simple cases.

Although stopping short of conceding the case, he did entertain the possibility of such rights for the private

profession, emphasizing that on no account should they be extended to the crown prosecution service.

The early operations of the new crown prosecution service, which comes into force today, has already created a catalogue of inefficiency with lost cases, wasted police time and incompetent lawyers, the Home Secretary was told yesterday at a conference of senior police officers (Stewart Tendler writes).

The problems of the service were outlined by Chief Supt Leslie Stowe, president of the Police Superintendents' Association, when he addressed Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, and members of the association at its annual conference in Harrogate.

Mr Stowe said there were examples of case papers being lost, cases discharged for lack of prosecution, and magistrates threatening to discharge prisoners facing very serious offences.

## Acid rain: 3 Children help out in pollution war

Satellite photographs and children's acid kits are two of the tools being used in the race to find the exact causes and effects of acid rain.

The Government has commissioned researchers based at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, at Farnborough, Hampshire, to choose a British power station and see if the path and destination of its smoke plume can be traced reliably by photography from a satellite.

Meanwhile, on the ground Mr William Waldegrave, newly confirmed in his role as Minister for the Environment and Countryside, has given his blessing to a scheme that will involve children in the search for the precise effects of acid rain.

The project, in which children will test the acidity of rain that falls on gardens at their homes during the next month, is described by its organizers as "the most ambitious environmental survey of its kind".

It is being organized by Watch, the junior branch of the Royal Society for Nature Conservation, which says: "There simply are not enough professional scientists to collect all the information we need to understand acid rain properly."

The slow pace of political acceptance of responsibility for acid damage enrages environmental campaigners.

Britain has been cast as one of the villains of Europe for its refusal to adopt international standards. Soil structure, prevailing winds and industrial practice all help to ensure that Britain exports more atmospheric pollution than it endures.

But even here concern is growing about the impact of acid rain on watercourses, including some of the finest and most lucrative salmon streams in Scotland and northern England.

Some of the airborne moisture reaching Scottish lochs and rivers is turning out to be almost as acidic as lemon juice. The relationship between the water droplets in the sky and the fish in the streams is turning out to be more complex than was first imagined.

Two processes seem to coincide so that the streams catch a stiff seasonal dose of acid just as the salmon are hatching. The power stations

Millions of pounds are being poured into research to find the answers to the mysteries of acid rain. But as Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent, reports in the third of four articles, it is hard to persuade governments to go further and invest heavily in environmental protection outside their own countries.

producing the emissions that lead to acid rain are owned by the Central Electricity Generating Board, which is sponsoring wide research into the problem.

Its chairman, Lord Marshall of Goring, believes that there is now "a solid and sound scientific basis for linking acid deposition and fishery status".

The Government has agreed for the first time this year that Britain is responsible for some of the acid damage recorded in Norway. That is one reason why ministers have agreed to a partial curbs on acid emissions from British coal-fired power stations.

But Britain continues to object to 1980 being used as the starting date for multinational efforts to reduce the emissions that cause acid rain. The 21 nations who are members of the "30 per cent" club have agreed to cut sulphur dioxide emissions by 30 per cent between the starting date and the mid-1990s.

The 1980 date is also significant for a draft EEC rule telling member states to cut sulphur dioxide emissions from power stations by 60 per cent and nitrogen oxides by 40 per cent.

Britain, which is outside the club and opposes the draft, argues that starting with 1980 neatly skips past the period in the mid-1970s when British emissions fell fastest.

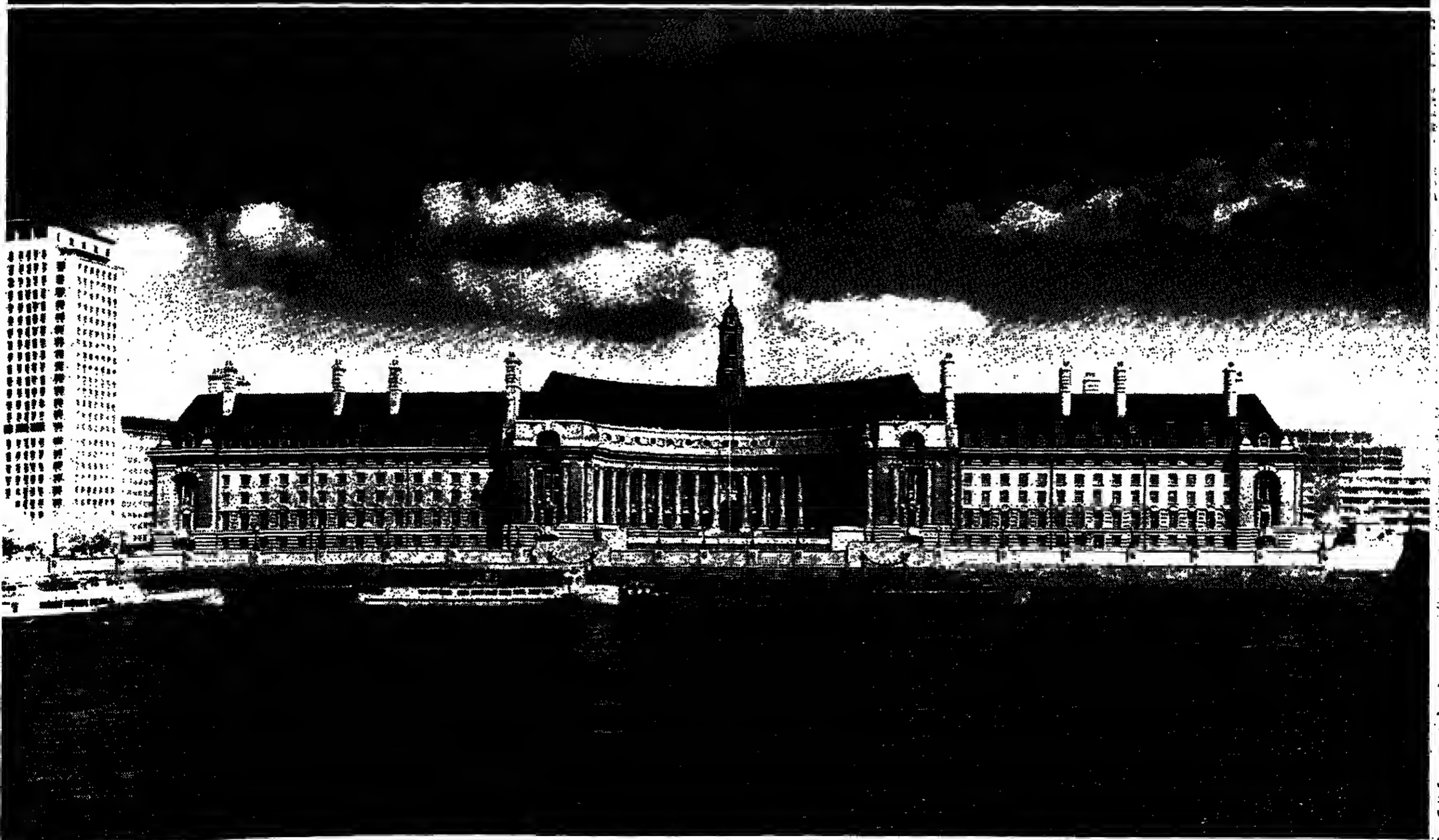
That does not satisfy critics who see evidence of environmental damage from acid all over Europe.

Their concern is echoed in the EEC Commission where Mr Clinton Davis, the former British Labour minister who is now Commissioner responsible for environmental protection, called for faster political acceptance of the need for action.

He said in London: "Part of the political problem is to convince the damage exporters that they must spend money to help others."

Tomorrow: The future.

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# Manila arrests threaten future of rebel peace negotiations

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Military agents in the Philippines yesterday arrested the alleged chairman of the outlawed Communist Party, Mr Rodolfo Salas, and two other people. Rebel negotiators have threatened to pull out of the current peace talks unless they are released.

Two lawyers, representing the Communist negotiators of the National Democratic Front (NDF), said the two-month-old peace talks could collapse because the three were directly involved in the negotiations.

Mr Salas, his wife, Mrs Josephine Cruz, and their driver-bodyguard, Mr Jose Concepcion, were arrested outside a hospital where Mr Salas had gone for a check-up. "Their arrest imperils the further progress of the talks and we demand their immediate release", the lawyers, Mr Romeo Capulong and Mr Arno Sanidad, said in a prepared statement.

The lawyers, who also claimed to have been put under military surveillance last month, accused the Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, and senior military officers of trying to sabotage the negotiations "which were close to succeeding had this not happened".

The lawyers admitted that, although the three were not covered by military-issued safe conduct passes, they were "directly and actively" involved in the talks, which indirectly gave them immunity from arrest under an unwritten agreement with the Aquino Government. The Government's negotiator has denied this.

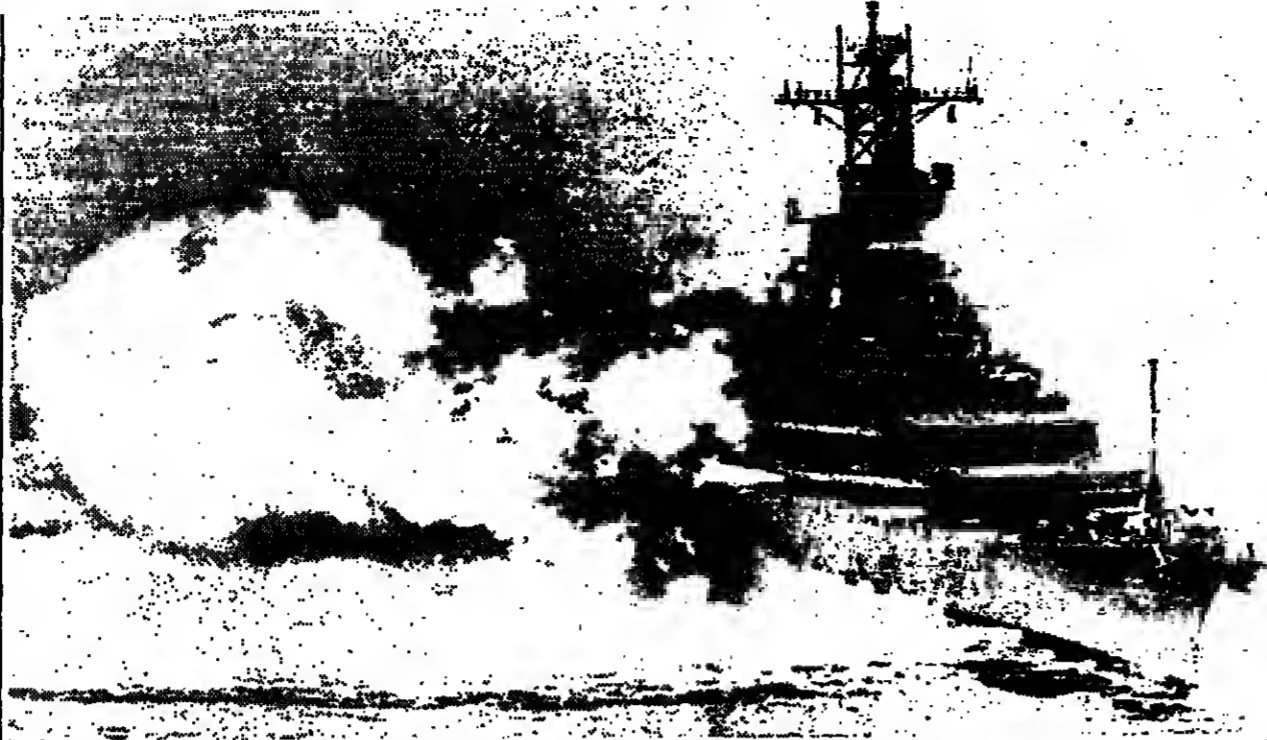
● **Kidnap deadlock:** Negotiations were still trying to secure the release of a kidnaped Swiss business man, Mr Hans Kunzli, yesterday, the day the military set as a deadline (AP reports).

They said they would attempt to free Mr Kunzli if he were not released by them.

Mr Kunzli was taken captive in July by a Muslim group.

● **Church call:** The leader of the Roman Catholic Church in the Philippines, Cardinal Sin, has called on his countrymen to support President Aquino's peace overtures towards the Communist rebels (AP reports).

Cardinal Sin praised the President for her efforts to uplift the Filipino people "from virtual economic death to new heights of progress and achievement".



The US battleship Missouri firing a broadside of practice shells off Sydney yesterday. The Second World War veteran is part of an international fleet of 41 ships due in the city today for the 75th anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy.

# Japan leadership struggle

From David Watts, Tokyo

A new struggle has broken out for the leadership of the largest faction in Japan's Liberal Democratic Party.

The faction, led by Mr Kakuei Tanaka, the former Prime Minister, until his stroke 19 months ago, has been looking for a suitable heir to head Japan's richest and most potent political tribe ever since it became clear that he would not return to politics.

At the weekend Mr Susumu Nikaïdo, caretaker since Mr Tanaka's illness, hinted that the successor might be Mr Noboru Takeshita, the former Minister of Finance.

Mr Tanaka was "infuriated" by Mr Nikaïdo's remark, according to the Japanese press.

Mr Tanaka has been at odds with Mr Takeshita since the latter formed his own faction-within-a-faction to promote his chances of becoming prime minister under the guise of a study group. The presidency of the Liberal Democratic Party carries with it the prime ministership.

What Mr Tanaka now thinks is unknown because no journalist has talked to him since his illness. The latest report on his attitude to Mr Nikaïdo came from a relative.

What effect Mr Tanaka's attitude will have on the impending power struggle remains to be seen, but he still has considerable power to make and unmake Japanese political leaders.

# Seoul students and police in pitched battle

Seoul (AFP) — About 20 students and several policemen were injured yesterday in clashes near sites being used in the Asian Games here.

Eyewitnesses said some 500 students threw petrol bombs and bricks.

Police responded with a hail of stones in the two-hour battle at the Korean University of Foreign Languages. Several students were arrested.

# Car bomb danger in Kabul Russian minister gets taste of war

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

A senior Russian politician got first-hand experience of the war in Afghanistan at the weekend when a car bomb exploded close to the Soviet Embassy in Kabul, killing three people.

According to reports from Western diplomats, received in Delhi yesterday, Mr Vsevolod Murakhovski, a First Deputy Prime Minister of the Soviet Union, and his entourage, had been accompanied by Dr Najib, the Afghan party chief, when the bomb went off at noon in the car park behind the Soviet commercial centre.

The entire party were either struck by the blast or threw themselves to the floor.

Private houses near the embassy were severely shaken by the bomb, and many windows were broken.

The attackers had apparently placed the bomb in a Lada car, the make often used by the Afghan secret police, and on this occasion parked in a restricted area.

Those killed were reported by one diplomatic source to have included two Russian children and a Soviet guard.

Radio Kabul, which reported the incident comparatively quickly, described the dead as a policeman, a merchant and a girl student.

Mr Murakhovski, who is chairman of the Soviet state committee for agro-industries, was guarded with unprecedented security during his stay in the Afghan capital.

Every morning troops patrolled the streets and armoured vehicles guarded all intersections between the Intercontinental Hotel, where he and his party were staying, and the Arg Palace, where the principal Afghan Government officials have their offices.

Elsewhere in the capital intermittent rocket attacks continued as the Mujahidin guerrillas maintained their activities despite a recent offensive against their hide-outs in the nearby Paghman hills.

The Russian and Afghan Army campaign in Paghman has continued for nearly a month and very heavy civilian casualties have been reported, especially from the villages of Chandahai, Beeg Tut, Haj Lakun, Qalai Mubabat and Satambat.

Mujahidin are under considerable pressure from a ring of Soviet troops around the southern town of Kandahar, but even so guerrilla rockets pounded the central telegraph office, cutting communications with the rest of the country for 10 days. An assault on the Kandahar radio building was less successful.

Nevertheless, according to a reliable diplomatic source, parts of the town are permanently under Mujahidin control, with other grey areas alternating between the two sides.

An unconfirmed report from the north of Wardak province said that before a planned attack on a Mujahidin position an Afghan force, ordered to go through a minefield, refused and turned their guns on their allies.

Diplomats report that the Mujahidin came to their assistance with both sides suffering casualties.

Kabul newspapers have reported plans to establish a military university in the hope of instilling badly needed professionalism in the Afghan military.

# Virgin Islands election causes wave of protest

From Jeremy Taylor, Port of Spain

Barely two months after a scandal over drug money and corruption toppled the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands, a similar row has developed in another of Britain's tiny Caribbean colonies.

As a result, the British Virgin Islands (population, 11,000), an idyllic group 50 miles east of Puerto Rico, voted yesterday in a premature general election.

At the centre of the row is a company called Financial Management and Trust, which was investigated earlier this year by British police and the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), in connection with allegations about an operation to launder narcotics money and proceeds from the 1983 Brinks-Mat robbery at Heathrow airport. The investigations also extended to the Isle of Man and the United States.

In April, the company's British managing director was arrested and later agreed to cooperate with the DEA in cases which are pending in the US courts.

The majority shareholder in Financial Management and Trust, however, was Mr Cyril Romney, Chief Minister of the British Virgin Islands.

Although he has not been personally implicated, the Opposition demanded an inquiry into possible government involvement, and in August

tabled a no-confidence motion against Mr Romney. The Chief Minister, finding support in his own Government wavering, advised Mr David Barwick, the Governor, to dissolve the nine-member Legislative Council and call early elections.

During the month-long election campaign, sober analysis has been overtaken by fury over the voters' list. Since there was no time to compile a fresh list, more than 600 people who have turned 18 since 1983, or about 10 per cent of the potential electorate, have found themselves disenfranchised. About 250 people demonstrated outside the Governor's office and presented a petition asking for voting to be postponed.

But in London last week Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, firmly turned down the request, explaining that the constitution specifies the time-frame in which voting must take place, and that changing the system would be "time-consuming, cumbersome and probably ineffective".

The two main parties, the United Party and the Virgin Islands Party, each won four seats at the last election in 1983. The other was won by Mr Romney, standing as an independent. He became the Chief Minister after forming an alliance with the United Party.

# By-election scares for Mulroney

From John Best, Ottawa

Voters in two Canadian federal constituencies gave the Conservative Government a fright when it was beaten by the Liberals in Monday's by-election in St Maurice, Quebec, and barely managed to hold on to Pembina in Alberta.

Neither constituency changed hands in the voting, the first by-election tests since the Tories ousted the Liberals from office two years ago. However, a steep decline in the Tories' share of the popular vote is being widely interpreted as a signal of dissatisfaction with the performance of the administration of the Prime Minister, Mr Brian Mulroney.

The by-elections took place two days before the opening of a new session of Parliament.

In St Maurice, the Liberal candidate, Mr Gilles Grondin, obtained 19,649 votes, or about 59 per cent — the same proportion of the popular vote as the Liberals took in the 1984 general election.

The Tories barely managed to retain second place in the face of a surprisingly strong bid by the New Democratic Party.

In Pembina, which includes part of the city of Edmonton, the Conservative candidate, Mr Walter Van De Walle, polled 16,524 votes or 37 per cent, compared with the 71 per cent the Tories won two years ago.

# Ugandans still want British aid

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Mr John Stanley, the Minister of State for the Armed Forces, yesterday met members of the British military team helping to train the Uganda Army at Jinja, 50 miles east of Kampala.

He has already learnt from discussions with President Museveni that there is still a role in Uganda for the team, which has worked through two coups and three governments.

However, the nature of the Uganda Army has changed, and further changes are likely with large-scale recruitment due to get under way this month.

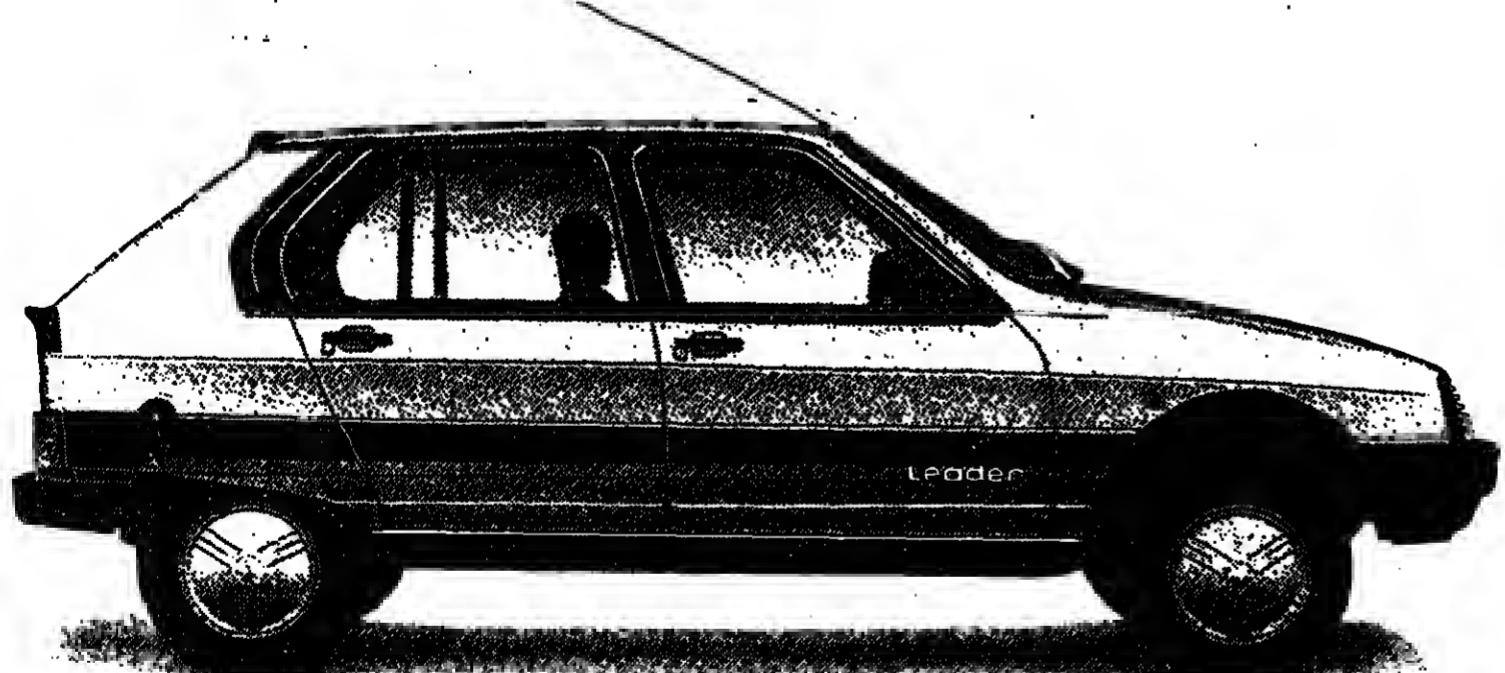
In addition, some army leaders, who were operating with the British team under past governments, are now in exile.



Mr Stanley: told of role in Uganda for British soldiers.

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'Years ago the menopause was a sign that women had outlived their usefulness. They were ready to die'

It is 8.30 on a drizzly Monday morning and already the "walk-in" menopause clinic at Dulwich Hospital is filling up fast.

These days women can simply walk in to a menopause clinic for treatment that can transform lives. Jane Bidder reports

been driven to attempted suicide by "the change" and, at best, have been tormented by the terrible night sweats, the extreme irritability, weight gain, hot flushes, osteoporosis (thinning of the bones) and a crawling sensation under the skin.

It is 13 years since Mr Studd first opened his Dulwich clinic and even its most hardened critics admit that it has come a long way.

Today, there are seven nationwide similar walk-in centres but Mr Studd is still desirous that "Some are more effective than others," he says darkly.

about a hundred women a week and the average pharmaceutical bill is £6 a visit. I think that's a bargain considering how it prevents depression and all the other problems which other hospital departments would have to treat.

"Certain colleagues feel that carving through cancers and delivering babies are more deserving causes. I think menopause care is one of the most important forms of preventative medicine in the twentieth century.

"Now, with medical advances, we live longer so go on longer than parts of our reproductive systems." Not everyone agrees about the correct treatment.

"When I started the Birmingham clinic, the general medical consensus was that hormone treatment was not altogether to be trusted," says Studd.

In Britain, medical opinion is still divided. Dr Jean Coope, a Macclesfield GP and author of *The Menopause coping with the change*



(Martin Dunitz, £3.95) estimates that about two thirds of doctors are sceptical: "Personally, I think HRT can be very useful provided it is used correctly under careful supervision."

improving HRT and collating statistics to prove his beliefs: "We're still finding out which kind of hormones should be given (i.e. tablets or implants, in what dosage and so on).

Talking of male doctors, surely most patients are surprised to see a man in charge of what is an essentially feminine problem? Mr Studd guffaws with laughter: "I totally poopoo the middle class notion that women want to see women doctors.

'Two weeks after the initial implant I felt better than I'd done for years'

"I even have 10 patients aged under 25; the menopause can strike much earlier than people realize, especially if there's a family history of this.

The hormonal treatment can also make patients look younger through giving them extra collagen (natural fibrous protein) which would have been lost through the menopause.

A good example is Valerie Marshall, a teacher from Croydon who having had hormonal implants for the past eight years, looks more like 41 than her real age of 51.

"Before, I had the usual menopause hiccup like lack of energy, loss of confidence and so on," she says. "Two weeks after the initial implant, I felt better than I'd done for years."

Waning wonder of Woolies FIRST PERSON

Our local Woolworth store is to be given a new image. On will go the food and the clothes and most of the things I want to buy, and in will come a lot more do-it-yourself and gardening fare.

Electrical goods, hi-fi and videos will, I suppose, also fill the shelves. But I shall miss the Woolworth I know so well.

In early childhood, it was the shop where I could buy curlers and ankle socks, lipstick (pretending it was Elizabeth Arden) and talcum powder.

On marriage, I could buy food at the same time as washing powder, shirt buttons, reels of cotton, envelopes and cotton wool.

I am sure there will be many of us who will mourn the passing of the Woolworth we knew and loved. We will miss it, and who knows? Perhaps one day Woolworths will miss us, too.

Jacinth Whittaker

Four hands with but a single thought

The first time the Israeli pianist Maya Weltman played in public with an orchestra was on the stage of the Royal Festival Hall. The orchestra was the London Philharmonic, the conductor Klaus Tennstedt.

At the age of 14, Maya Weltman returns to the Festival Hall tonight to play Beethoven - watched by her equally talented twin

friends - the inevitable result of having more in common with each other than with anyone else.

The fact that Yfaat is as skilful on the cello as Maya is on the piano makes the story even more remarkable. For the Weltman twins come from an entirely un-musical family and had not the girls themselves decided - at the age of eight - that they wanted to learn the piano, their remarkable talents might have remained undiscovered.



Dual ambitions: musicians Yfaat (left) and Maya Weltman

That was only two years after Maya and Yfaat had had their first piano lesson. Their Russian-born teacher, Luisa Joffe, was enchanted by the girls who arrived at her home sporting identical party frocks and remarkable musical gifts.

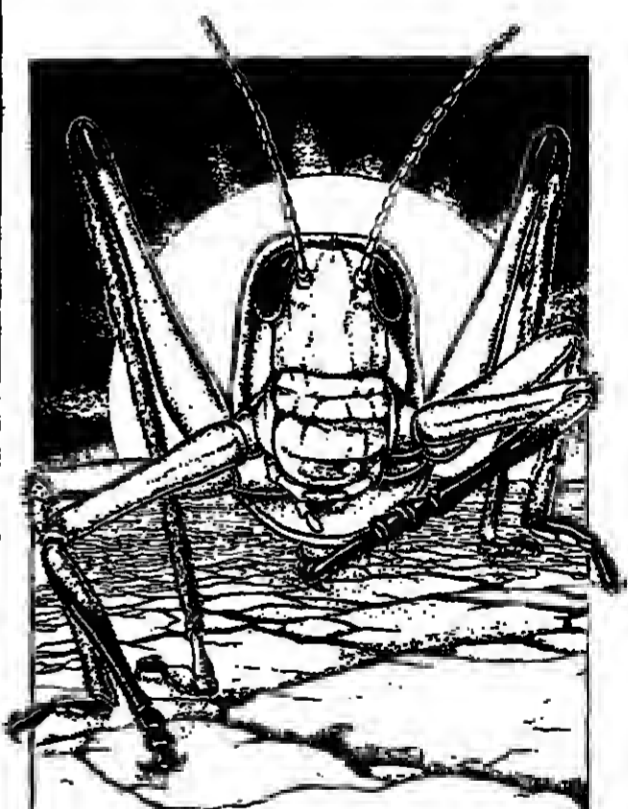
He went to investigate and discovered 10-year-old Maya in the middle of a Mozart and Schumann recital. "She was unbelievable," he says, "and not only as a pianist, but also because of her style. I thought, 'With such a talent maybe she can play with an orchestra and I invited her to London to play with the Philharmonic.'"

are predictably proud of their daughters and happy to make the sacrifices necessary, they worry about the twins' lack of time for any other interests.

But music is not entirely a family affair. The twins' two older brothers have no musical leanings and have been known to sleep through the girls' concerts.

For their own part, the girls are ambivalent about their talents. "I am ambitious to be a professional pianist but I don't think I can be great because you need such a big repertoire," Maya says, and Yfaat adds: "Most of the great musicians were geniuses and I don't think we are."

FRIDAY The sex education debate: a mother's view



The face of the killer devouring Africa

At this moment plagues of locusts and grasshoppers are swarming across the African continent, destroying precious food crops. Swarms of up to 40 billion locusts are feared, able to eat 80,000 tonnes of crops each day - enough to provide food for almost 1/3 million people for a week.

Oxfam has already rushed pesticides and spraying equipment to stricken areas. But much more action must be taken by Oxfam and the wider world community to control the locusts, re-seed for new crops and provide food for the hungry.

Oxfam has made a start: 6000 lbs. of pesticide for Chad; cost: £36,624; 4 Land Rovers & spray equipment for Ethiopia; 13,000 lbs. of pesticide spray & protective equipment for the Horn of Africa; cost: £210,131 incl. airfreight.

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BRIEFLY A round-up of news, views and information. Tea party Today sees the start of a month-long tea-drinking marathon in aid of the NSPCC. Split tips By 1990, it is expected that three million Britons will have become divorcees.

Survive Financially (Unwin, £2.95), is heavily biased towards the calculating husband, but by tackling every twist of the legal system in intelligible, down-to-earth style, it provides excellent ammunition for either divorcing party in what can easily amount to financial war.

Quote me... "I'm not remotely sentimental about black people. I am just as nasty to black people as I am to white people. And that can be very nasty indeed." Helen Suzman, South African activist.

this latest product, which costs £6.50, uses a unique "colour band indicator" where just one bead changes colour to show whether the result is positive or negative. Sybaritic scents The continuing saga of last year's fragrance success story, Chanel's Coco continues: sybarites can now sink into waters scented with its floral, amber and spicy notes.

Josephine Fairley





# Excellence, oddities and Eastern promise

When the managing director of the new Nissan car factory first set foot in the North-East, he was quickly seized upon and invited to dinner by Professor Laurence Martin, vice-chancellor of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne.

At that first meeting the Western academic presented the Eastern entrepreneur with a painting. It depicted Robert Stephenson's High Level Bridge across the Tyne, a wonder of new technology at its erection in 1849 as it was the first structure of its kind to be made of a revolutionary material - cast iron.

The vice-chancellor's gift was his expression of hope that the Japanese would bring back to the North-East the reputation for innovation and enterprise it once so proudly held.

The hammer-blows of recession that have beaten the life out of much of Tyne-side's traditional industries are also beating at the door of the region's higher education. Newcastle University was wined by a body-blow earlier this year when it opened its annual letter from the University Grants Committee to find that its funding had been cut almost twice as severely as it had been led to expect.

An actual reduction of 0.5 per cent, compared with last year's grant, meant a cut in

real terms of nearly 4 per cent. It was deeply wounding news. In the year that, for the first time, the UGC used the quality of teaching and research as a partial basis for its disbursements, Newcastle had some reason to hope for not ungenerous treatment, with four of its departments rated by the UGC as outstanding and another 12 above average.

Labour MPs accused the outgoing Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, of sacrificing northern universities to protect those in the Tory-voting south. Newcastle licked its painful wounds, assumed that it was its subject mix which had not found great favour, and wondered where on earth it could cut any more without destroying the lifeblood of the institution.

Before last May's depressing news, Professor Martin and the university senate were calculating on balancing the books by losing 90 posts out of a total academic staff of nearly 1,000.

### Early retirement schemes Funding cuts were very severe

had not been taken up by as many as had been hoped and compulsory redundancy schemes would have cost the university far more than it could afford, quite apart from the legal difficulties of academic tenure and the dire threat to the quality of the institution's work.

So far the only department to have been forced out of existence by the latest financial savagery is the relatively modest one of Scandinavian Studies. But throughout the university academic posts remain unfilled in almost every department and recruitment is at all but a standstill.

Professor Martin, Cornish-born, Yale-polished, but imbued with traditional Geordie refusal to lie down and admit defeat, nevertheless admits to a certain desperation.

"Our target for lost jobs was to have been about 90 academic staff, perhaps rather more. Now we need to cut closer to 180 or even 200 and it is far from clear that savings of that kind can be doubled. We are trying to be more ruthless, but we do not have a strategy as to where the



Professor Laurence Martin, the vice-chancellor, top left; the ivy-covered old university; and above, Professor Hussein Rabbia with a group of Chinese students studying mining engineering

rudeness should fall." For lack of any other obvious source of hope, Professor Martin, in common with vice-chancellors throughout the country, is forced to view the future with a kind of desperate Micawberism - but without Micawber's bouncy optimism.

Something, he believes, must turn up, simply because no government, not even the present one, could allow the nation's university education system to collapse. They read into the utterances of the oed education secretary, Kenneth Baker, hints that a lifebelt may soon be thrown.

If the UGC's favouritism was out one of south versus north, it certainly appeared to some unhappy vice-chancellors to be one which awarded the plums for tech-

nological bias, with universities like Bath, Loughborough and Strathclyde all enjoying relatively generous treatment, and more arts-biased institutions like Durham, St Andrews and Aberystwyth faring badly.

Yet Newcastle, which has a heavy emphasis on engineering and other earthy disciplines, was still picked for rough treatment.

It is in fact a broad-based institution, lacking only a few major disciplines like veterinary science and theology (although it does maintain a department of religious studies).

Among its undoubted areas of excellence is computer studies, a department whose expertise has helped to build up an associated marketing company employing nearly

200 people for the benefit of the North-East as a whole. Its medical school is said to turn out particularly good general practitioners and its departments of marine engineering and naval architecture are packed with undergraduates from Hong Kong and other such oriental parts, ironically the very people who undercut the British shipbuilding industry to a near-fatal degree.

It has its oddities, too. One of the smallest (but by no means the least distinguished) history departments in the country, with a staff of 12 compared to Oxford's 65; a strong department of agriculture and related sciences; rare degree courses in surveying science, town and country planning, speech therapy, and East Asian politics.

It is the ninth British university in terms of size and one of the oldest. It was granted independent status from its former parent, Durham, in 1963, although its constituent colleges can trace a history back to 1834. It could be said to suffer from being outstandingly good at a number of things, but outstandingly famous for none of them.

Staff sometimes complain that people in the south of England do not even know of its existence, yet the county which sends it more students than any other outside its own home territory is Surrey.

Such a lack of a clear-cut corporate image does not trouble the vice-chancellor unduly. For one thing, he knows the compensations of having his institution situated in the

heart of a city whose reputation for friendliness is legendary - and deservedly so. For another, he is too concerned with promoting his university's image where it matters most - among those who disburse its funds - to trouble overmuch about its overall public profile.

"If we are to continue to be funded we have got to show that we are useful - and that basically means showing we are contributing to the economy - while still trying to do the more purely academic things that a university is supposed to do," Professor Martin said.

Hence Newcastle's establishment of its own Technology Centre, a limited company charged with marketing the university's vast research skills to outside industry and smoothing the path for academics who wish to offer their best ideas in the marketplace.

Yet the public image does matter. Senior staff were not overjoyed when Tyne-Tees

### Marketing the research skills

Television chose as the title of its forthcoming 12-part series the university, "Redbrick". They would have perhaps preferred "Plateglass".

Newcastle has a fine new medical faculty building and an outstanding new library, probably the last to be built in any university this century. At the same time its older buildings enjoy a facade of mellow brick and Virginia creeper that would not be out of place by the Isis or Cam.

Behind the plate glass lies at least one majestically unusual repository of wisdom which, if it did not impress the University Grants Committee, at least astounded the managing director of Nissan. By the quirk of some long-past bequest, the university is the custodian of one of the finest collections of Japanese technical journals in the Western hemisphere.

If by some mischance the boss of British Nissao finds a spanner in his works, he knows where to go for the cure.

Alan Hamilton

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# More business, more jobs



Current wisdom dictates that universities can no longer afford to insulate themselves from the outside world and that they must seek — and be seen to seek — contact with industry and commerce. Ideally there should be benefit to both sides: industry should have access to academic expertise and the academics should be helped to find commercial applications for at least some of their research.

and that pure research remains an essential part of their purpose. They are also aware that the money brought in by contract research, or by royalties from a successfully marketed idea, will — and indeed probably ought to — remain in relation to their overall funding, which will continue to be dominated by the University Grants Committee and research council grants. Nevertheless, within those constraints there have been notable successes. Seven years ago Newcastle University joined forces with the city's polytechnic and CAP Group, a commercial computer software producer, to set up a company which would be a centre of excellence for computing in the North-East.

From small beginnings with start-up capital provided by Tyne and Wear County Council, the company — Microelectronics Applications Research Institute — now employs 176 in the North-East and boasts a turnover of £2.5 million a year. By next year it expects to be employing 250 and bringing in £3.5 million worth of business.

## New opportunities for local people

The Microelectronics Applications Research Institute works closely with the university's computing laboratory, many of whose staff act as research consultants. They are working with GEC, ICL and York University on a £450,000 research contract named Aspect, which aims to eliminate the mistakes in the design of major computer programmes. Overall, the institute's current research programme means it is working with 30 different partners, both commercial and academic, in 10 European countries. But the institute does not live by research and development contracts alone. It has a trading company and a

production company, both making profits to be ploughed back into the parent. One of the institute's aims has always been to benefit industry in the North-East and to create new jobs and training opportunities for local people. It offers a four-year training course in the new high-technology skills — 60 trainees were taken on last month and it hopes to take on 50 school leavers a year from next year. The resulting pool of highly-skilled labour should prove a strong inducement to new industries on Tyneside.

The institute also provides an Enterprise Workshop in Newcastle where five small start-up businesses can grow with technical and management help from the institute. Successful though it is, the institute taps only one area of the university's expertise. Last year another organization, Newcastle Technology Centre, was set up by the university and the two local polytechnics to act as a so-called "technology transfer agency" between industry and the three academic institutions. Richard Tomlin, the university administrator who helped to set up the centre, said: "You have to encourage the academics to make them take a different view of their



Dr Peter Olive, left, was an obscure Newcastle zoologist researching the life cycle of the ragworm until one of his undergraduates, Peter Cowan, pointed out that there was a huge potential market for the creatures as anglers' bait. Fishermen either pay 10p each for worms or they go digging on beaches. Armed with sufficient knowledge of the worms' life cycle to know how to maintain year-round supplies, they have raised £250,000 capital to set up a worm farm, Seabait, to produce 6 million ragworms a year for sale through tackle shops.

work occasionally and to look for commercial possibilities. I cannot go and shake the ideas out of them. I can only encourage them." Mr Tomlin is aware he must tread carefully. "We must not be tempted to encourage only the research which is purely commercial. Universities still get the bulk of their funding from the University Grants Committee and you still have to win your brownie points with them for academic excellence." The centre has been busy in the pharmaceutical industry marketing the university

pathology and virology departments' important work in the development of monoclonal antibodies. It is helping a member of staff to market a device he has developed for testing hearing and eyesight. In the other direction, the centre has introduced a local power supply equipment manufacturer to academics who have helped to update his product, and a local maker of cake-decorating equipment to university engineers who have designed a new machine for him.

# Looking East to the future

An invitation from Nissan's managing director, Mr T Tauchiya, to the vice-chancellor Professor Laurence Martin, could signal the start of another important link with Japanese industry. The invitation was to attend the opening on September 8 of Nissan's new £330 million manufacturing plant at Washington, Tyne and Wear. Newcastle has already established several successful ties with Japanese companies moving into the North-East. Instrumental to this has been the newly created East Asia Centre which was set up in April 1985.

David Goodman, the director of the centre, said: "When the Japanese earth-moving equipment manufacturer Komatsu was making preliminary investigations about setting up a plant here, it was Dr Ian Neary, lecturer at the centre, and his Japanese wife who helped smooth Komatsu's way with local government, trade and industry." "This latest arrival by Nissan will create another good reason for raising the profile and interest in Japan and the Far East generally."

The East Asia Centre is the only university course in Britain to offer a four-year honours degree in Politics and East Asian Studies that includes acquiring an oriental language and spending one year at Fukuoka University in Japan or Beijing Normal University in China. This year the centre is offering places to 44 undergraduates and nine postgraduate students. Dr Goodman, a Chinese speaker, explained why the centre must step up its programmes on China, Japan and Korea. "As a country, Britain needs many more links with East Asia. Do you know how many students graduated last year in Chinese in the UK? Between 80-100 and only 26 in Japan."

"A single US state such as Texas, California or New York is turning out 10 times this number of Chinese and Japanese speaking graduates. In the US, postgraduates in these subjects go into government, industry and relevant aspects of the economy, doing things that need to be done. Why aren't we doing this in Britain? "As a nation we are only scraping the surface with classics and regional studies. What we need is a big doctoral programme, not just at Newcastle, specializing in relevant areas such as Japanese business studies and administration." In less than one year, the East Asia Centre has established a number of viable business contracts and consultancies. "We have assisted companies in the North-East with translations, identifying new markets and problems with bureaucracy," said Dr Goodman. Among the recent contracts has been an economic and political survey of China for Shell, with forecasts on particular market sectors. One of the university's most important and potentially far-reaching exchange programmes is that involving

## Several weeks in industry

Shanxi Mining College at Taiyuan, the centre of China's highest coal producing province, Shanxi. With the backing of the University Development Trust and six sponsors from British mining equipment companies to meet the £7,500 fees per student, seven Chinese students from Taiyuan are now attending a one-year MSc at Newcastle's department of mining engineering. The students will also spend several weeks working in industry with their sponsoring company. Instrumental to this link up was John Ryall of the department of mining engineering, who has lectured in Taiyuan. Newcastle's academic exchange has quickly assumed a new dimension as local business interest in Shanxi province grows. In March 1984 a civic connection was established when a delegation from Taiyuan visited Newcastle. The two cities became twinned and were formally declared "sister" cities. Only 13 UK cities have such an arrangement.

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# Generation Gap

Revenues in excess of £1,000,000 a year can be produced by hydro-electric power now being generated by Kielder Water, Northumberland.

What no-one knows is the effect this might have upon the environment; the natural habitats of wild animals, plant life and fish that depend upon the River North Tyne for their existence.

What will happen to the water quality of the river? What will be the effects upon its banks if significant volumes of water are released regularly? What changes will occur in the micro-climate? What will this do to the food networks?

To plug this gap in our knowledge, it has been decided to conduct an intensive research programme over the next three years along the River North Tyne. Unregulated waterways will be used as controls to check chemical variation in the water quality. Physical variations in the river's contours will be closely watched. Effects upon invertebrates and fish will be monitored, especially fish-spawning patterns, the survival of young fish and the reaction of adult fish to changes in any of the existing parameters. With conservation in mind, a river corridor survey will be carried out to establish a baseline at the start of the programme and also when the programme ends.

Filling this gap will generate a lot more than electricity; it will attract the interest of other authorities and public utility concerns, not only in this country but throughout the world.

These studies are a joint enterprise between the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, The Nature Conservancy and Northumbrian Water.

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**FOCUS**

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY/4



Benefactors such as the novelist Catherine Cookson are a rare species and provide the answer to every university vice-chancellor's prayers.

Last December, this celebrated writer from Tyne Dock, who is 80, presented Newcastle's Professor Laurence Martin, with £250,000 to create the country's first lectureship in molecular haematology, the study of blood disorders.

This was the first in a series of bequests to the Catherine Cookson Foundation which, upon the death of Mrs Cookson and her husband, will total £1 million. The foundation will also become a primary beneficiary of the Catherine Cookson Trust.

On that same day, Mrs Cookson also donated £40,000 to the department of medicine for the purchase of laser equipment and £50,000 to support a senior lectureship in otolaryngology, the study of ear, larynx and throat, and equip a laboratory to help early diagnosis of deaf children.

Professor Martin said: "We felt morally obliged to invest the first donation into medical research, hence the new



Catherine Cookson, centre, with, from left, Linda Errington, Linda Harker, Frank Chariton and Lance Nicholson, who will study book conservation through one of her grants

**Cookson's choice**

lectureship researching into bleeding diseases. "But the rest of Mrs Cookson's gift will be used to stimulate research and fill the gaps in the rigid university grant system."

The foundation will provide a useful contrast to the increasingly successful University Development Trust. While this trust is considerably larger, with funds of £12 million, there is no latitude in application with

every pound earmarked for a specific project.

This act of generosity towards Newcastle is by no means Catherine Cookson's first. The vice-chancellor recalls how in 1984 he had hesitated to approach Mrs Cookson for a donation towards a £25,000 appeal to refurbish the Hatton art gallery.

"Within half an hour of receiving my letter," he said, "she had telephoned me asking if we could possibly wait

until the end of the week for the full £25,000. She acts like lightning with the cheque book across her knee."

These generous gestures are closely linked to her strong affection for Tyneside, the arts, helping children and more recently her own growing medical needs.

She said: "I have had a rare blood disease, hereditary telangiectasia, since I was 18. This is nothing new to me now, but I thought I was the only one who had this disease. It was only recently, since writing my autobiography, that this changed. I received responses from as far as America and discovered 30 other people with the same disease."

"There has been absolutely no research into telangiectasia, so I wanted to set up a research post at the university — not just for this disease, but for all kinds of blood disorders."

It was the university's medical department with whom she has been closely involved that initiated the nomination of Mrs Cookson for an honorary MA. "It was very nice to receive it," she said, "especially as I did not go to university and I felt I should do something more for the university as it is very hard up for money. After all what is money for?"

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**Medicine at two guineas a lecture**

Newcastle University can trace its origins to the good offices of a bunch of doctors and can lay at the door of doctors much of the praise — or blame — for what has happened since.

It was in 1832, in the light of growing dissatisfaction with the age-honoured system of apprenticing physicians to apothecaries and surgeons to barbers, and in the wake of a series of cholera epidemics on Tyneside, that local doctors began a series of medical lectures at a house in Bell's Court in the city, at a cost of two guineas for the six-month course.

The School of Medicine opened two years later in the Barber Surgeons' Hall and the fee went up to 40 guineas.

Within five years there was a fearful row between members of the staff which led to the setting up of two rival colleges, each raising the other's premises to possess and repossess rival specimens.

They did not reunite for 18 years. When one eventually did absorb the other it had already gained recognition from the University of Durham, an institution which then, and for many years afterwards, restricted itself to theology and arts.

Meanwhile there was a stir of interest at the earthier end of education. It has always been a source of wonder that Victorian England achieved the indus-

trial power-base on only the sketchiest infrastructure of technical education.

The civic universities are chiefly a product of the 1860s and 1870s, when Britain was already well established as the world's workshop.

Newcastle was no different. The North-East was already a powerhouse of shipbuilding and engineering when, in 1870, a local solicitor and archetypal Victorian do-gooder, named Spencer Watson, emerged as the moving spirit to found a College of Physical Science in the city.

Durham University, at that time headed by a Dean of untypically advanced views, absorbed it at once. The science school was later renamed Armstrong College.

For the first third of the present century, Newcastle's two colleges joggled along uneventfully as separate constituents of the University of Durham. But then the doctors waxed troublesome again.

The row was serious enough for the Newcastle medical school to become virtually ungovernable.

In 1935 a Royal Commission was appointed to clear out the mucky stables and two years later it was ruled that both ends of the university should be thoroughly reconstituted, with the two col-

leges on Tyneside amalgamated as King's College, Newcastle.

The post-war years saw an explosive expansion of university education, which continued as the baby-boomers reached undergraduate age and optimism suffused the nation. For many years King's College had a separate institution from the Durham colleges.

By the 1960s Durham had grown sufficiently in size and scope for it to survive happily on its own and in 1963 the split was made. King's College became the University of Newcastle and Durham became Durham, enhancing at the same time its reputation and popularity among arts undergraduates.

Since then Newcastle has continued to expand and prosper, until faced with the funding squeeze of the 1980s that has sent a chill through the entire British academic community. It boasts an excellent new medical faculty building and what will probably be the last new university library to be built this century.

The doctors of Newcastle, for all their trouble in the past, have managed to produce the pioneering researcher in thyroid disease, the first chief medical officer of the fledgling Ministry of Health, and the current president of the General Medical Council. They are forgiven. AH

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Germany stages operation to support pound

From Bailey Morris and David Smith, Washington

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, said yesterday that the decision by West Germany to help support the pound did not mean that Britain was to join the European Monetary System.



Nigel Lawson: ruling out EMS membership

Pressure eases on pound

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Pressure on interest rates and the pound eased yesterday as the conviction grew that an informal agreement on exchange rate management had after all been reached.



Places in the sun: Mr Paul Brett, Thomson's managing director, with the new brochure. (Photograph: Leslie Lee).

Thomson pegs holiday prices

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The package holiday prices battle, which produced bargains attracting an extra 1.25 million Britons abroad last summer, entered a hard-fighting second round yesterday as Thomson Holidays, the biggest tour operator, launched programmes for next summer with many average prices unchanged.

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STOCK MARKET

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Decline in Japanese surplus

Tokyo (AP-Dow Jones) — Japan posted an unadjusted current account surplus of \$7.054 billion (£4.9 billion) in August, down from a record \$8.026 billion surplus the previous month, the Finance Ministry announced here.

Acquisition by Penguin

Pearson has announced that Penguin Publishing has agreed in principle to acquire the New American Library from a group of investors led by Odyssey Partners and NAL Management. No price was announced.

Davidson up

Davidson Pearce Group, the advertising agency, increased pretax profits from £1.14 million to £1.30 million in the first half of this year, on billings up from £37.7 million to £40.05 million. The company is paying an interim dividend of 1.2p.

Bank deal

Marine Midland Bank Inc has signed a definitive agreement for the proposed acquisition of First Pennsylvania Corp for at least \$585 million (£403.4 million) cash, to take place within a year of interstate banking between the two states becoming permissible, probably after March 4, 1990.

American buy

Millward Brown, the USM-quoted market research company, has agreed in principle to acquire Ad Factors Inc, an American market research agency with one of the largest US telephone interviewing facilities. Ad Factors' revenue for the year ended in February totalled \$5.7 million (£3.9 million). Clients include McDonald's, Proctor & Gamble, Amoco and Pizza Hut.

MTM offer

Marlborough Technical Management is selling 6,513,636 ordinary shares of 5p each at 110p per share via an offer by Hill Samuel.

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IMF talks continue on Mexico

From Bailey Morris and David Smith in Washington

Negotiations continued yesterday at the International Monetary Fund meeting, on a \$6 billion (£4.1 billion) commercial bank loan package for Mexico, after a deadline imposed by the IMF for agreement had passed.

US trade deficit falls to four-month low

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The US monthly foreign trade deficit fell in August to \$13.32 billion (£9.25 billion), the lowest in four months, after a revised record shortfall in July of \$16.05 billion, the Commerce Department announced yesterday.

Expansion at Laura Ashley

By Alexandra Jackson

Laura Ashley, the clothing and home furnishings group which came to the market last November, is planning to open 36 new outlets in the second half of the year.

Extel battle with Maxwell likely

By John Bell, City Editor

The City is bracing itself for a proxy battle between the publishing and information services group, Extel, and its largest shareholder, Mr Robert Maxwell, over Extel's role as "white knight" in the £145 million takeover battle for the McCorquodale printing group.

Printer in £3m 'City' takeover

By Richard Lander

Hunterprint, the Corby colour printing company, has achieved its aim of expanding into the potentially lucrative financial documents market by paying £3.4 million in shares for the privately-controlled Security Holdings. The news helped Hunterprint shares gain 5p to 265p.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS table with columns for New York, Tokyo, Nikkei, Hang Seng, Amsterdam, Sydney, Frankfurt, Commerzbank, Brussels, General, Paris CAC, Zurich, SKA General, London closing prices

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5,800 jobs to go in NEI restructuring

By Allison Eadie

The company said that the continuing delays in the implementation of a firm ordering programme for British power stations and to a lesser extent the deferral of the upgrading of the national grid would lead to a downturn in British manufacturing.

TSB option from start of trading

The Stock Exchange announced yesterday that it would be launching an options contract in Trustee Savings Bank shares on October 10, the day the shares start trading on the stock market.

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Table with columns for company names and stock prices. Includes entries like AMR, ASA, Allied Signal, etc.

WALL STREET

Shares climb at start

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares climbed in early trading yesterday, continuing a trend that began to develop late in Monday's session.

Strong start to Liffe FT-SE options trading

The latest tool for investors and institutions to hedge their equity portfolios got off to a strong start yesterday when the London International Financial Futures Exchange (Liffe) launched options on its Financial Times-Stock Exchange (FT-SE) 100 index futures.

C&W plans listing in Hong Kong

Cable & Wireless plans to have its shares listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange by the end of the year. The telecommunications company's shares gained a listing in Tokyo in April and the chairman and chief executive, Sir Eric Sharp, said further listings are planned for Zurich, Geneva and Frankfurt following the share placing in December.

Hopeful signs as NEI embarks on the big shake-up

Northern Engineering Industries' surprise announcement of massive restructuring, involving extraordinary costs this year of £67 million and exceptional gains of £8 million, has given a generally positive reception in the City.

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NEI expects gearing to rise to 30 per cent by the year-end from 19 per cent last year. The increase in debt and write-off of shareholders' funds may, in fact, push gearing higher but, if NEI has estimated its required cost base accurately, the effect should be short-term.

NEI's news has shot to pieces analysts' previous expectations of taxable profits this year of £50 million. The range is now £17 million to £27 million. However, the issue is not this year's profits. It is whether NEI can operate efficiently and profitably on its lower turnover and cost base.

Davidson Pearce Group Davidson Pearce Group, the advertising agency which came to the market a year ago, has suffered from a downturn in advertising and public relations companies. The legacy of Saatchi & Saatchi's rights issue and business losses, with more staff defections at Good Relations, has cast a shadow on the sector.

Advertisement for Wray House. Text: 'On the instructions of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District. Wray House Elystan Street, Chelsea SW3. Residential block comprising 114 flats with refurbishment potential on site of 1.26 acres. Freehold For Sale with full Vacant possession. Full details from Weatherall 01-493 5566'.





THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

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The prices in this section refer to Monday's trading

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table of unlisted securities with columns for company name, price, and percentage change.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table of investment trusts with columns for fund name, price, and percentage change.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table of financial trusts with columns for fund name, price, and percentage change.

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RACING: NELSON'S IMPROVING FILLY TO COME OUT BEST IN A FASCINATING CONFRONTATION FOR THE CHEVELEY PARK STAKES

Minstrella can edge ahead in Newmarket decider

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With both Forest Flower and Minstrella standing their ground, today's Tattersalls Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket, where the meeting is being run on the July course, has developed into one of the most fascinating confrontations of the season. The two have met twice already and the score is one all. Having already won at Newbury and Royal Ascot, Forest Flower drew first blood when she gave Minstrella, who was also a winner at the royal meeting, 2lb and a three-quarters of a length beating in the Cherry Hunt Stakes which was run over today's course and distance in July. However, Minstrella got her revenge a month later when the two clashed again in the Henze 57 Stakes at Phoenix Park in Dublin. On that occasion there was only a short head in it at the finish. In the meantime the big two have gone their separate ways: Minstrella back to Ireland where she won the Moyrall Stud Stakes on The Curragh by two and a half lengths from the Lower Stakes winner Polonia; Forest Flower to Newbury where she won the Mill Reef Stakes by half a length from Shady Heights who is reputed to be the best two-year-old colt in Robert Armstrong's yard. If my interpretation of the form book is correct Minstrella has improved since she and Forest Flower last met and the Charlie Nelson-trained filly is my nap. My line of argument takes in Polonia who was a mere one length behind the pair at Phoenix Park but more than double that distance behind Minstrella when they met again on The Curragh. Whatever else happens Minstrella should be capable of taking care of Canadian Mill, Indian Lily and Shaikya, the other members of this small, but select field. Indian Lily finishes eight lengths behind her in Ireland last month while a line through Linda's Magic, who finished third behind Canadian Mill at Newmarket in July and third again to Polonia at York, suggests that my nap has a few pounds in hand of Canadian Mill now. Similarly, Shaikya looks to be facing a steep task. At Doncaster she was beaten two lengths in the Flying Childers Stakes by Sizzling Melody who had finished about three lengths behind Minstrella and Forest Flower at Phoenix Park the previous month. No matter how he fires on Forest Flower, Tony Ives should not leave the course empty-handed because I believe that he has a good chance of winning the Never So Bold Fillys Handicap on Brazzaka who has been a model of consistency this season. The conditions of the Rouse Stakes look tailor-made to suit Stalker who won the Middle Park Stakes during this meeting 12 months ago. My selection was jarred after contesting the King's Stand Stakes on firm ground at Royal Ascot but he is fine again now. Taking a line through Acushla and Hallgate, Stalker appears to have sufficient in hand of Storm Warning, so much so, that it will be disappointing if he does not regain the winning trait. Well that the course winner Roman Gunner should go in the Rowley Mile Nursery I just doubt whether he will manage to give 18lb to Melody Maker who impressed at Chester last time. Finally, at Brighton I give good chances to Bag O' Rhythms (2.15) and Best O' Bunch (3.45). Following that heartening run against Trojan Song, Best O' Bunch should account for the Salisbury winner Noble Bid in the EBF Kemp Town Stakes while Bag O' Rhythms overall form entitles him to a favourite's chance in the Race Hill Stakes.



One apiece and all to play for: old rivals Minstrella (left) and Forest Flower face each other again in the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket

BBC's Arc reign over

The BBC, for the first time in 20 years, will not be showing the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp on Sunday. The big race will be screened exclusively live by Channel Four. Jonathan Martin, the head of BBC sport, said that the Arc organisation has refused to deal with the European Broadcasting Union who had previously supplied the pictures to BBC through the French television service. There are 27 horses left in Sunday's race after yesterday's forfeit stage. They include the crack German horse Acenagano, the Prix Vermeille winner, Darara, and ladies, whose owners paid £25,000 each to make a supplementary entry. There were no surprise omissions, but Michael Stoeckl's Dubian and the Paul Cole-trained Nisnas may all take their chance along with the Irish possibilities Fleur Royale, Leading Channel and Saturday's Grandford Stakes winner, Nemsan. The ground at Maisons-Laffitte was good yesterday which will please supporters of Dancing Brave. Being in the firm form but his big-race rider Gary Moore was taking it easy after injuring a shoulder. He is expected to be back in action tomorrow. Other Arc probables include the Puma-Europa-Preis runner-up Baby Turk, Fast Topaze and Saint Estephe.

Mill Reef filly in demand at select sale

By a Correspondent

The Highflyer Yearling Sales made a success rather than a spectacular start at Newmarket yesterday and it was not until late afternoon that proceedings lived up to expectation. An attractive dark bay daughter of Mill Reef caused spirited bidding before Lady Weaver broke the record at £300,000. She had left disappointed bidders Cormac McCormack, Josh Collins and Ben Hanbury trailing in her wake. This filly is out of Elegant Tern who had smartly attracted £100,000 for the same six weeks into the group two Tattersalls Rogers Gold Cup at The Curragh.

Dancing Brave's owner, Khalid Abdulla, was sitting with his agent George Blackwell when they went to 220,000 guineas for a strongly-made son of Be My Guest out of a half-sister to the royal winners Milford and Height of Fashion. This half-brother to Capo di Monte was sent up from the Thomastown Castle Stud in Ireland.

Be My Guest has enjoyed considerable success this year and included those top two-year-olds Invited Guest and Most Welcome among his best winners.

Sheikh Mohammed's racing manager Anthony Stroud, was active throughout this select session. He bid 330,000 guineas for a bay son of Mill Reef, submitted from the Sussex Stud. This handsome colt was the fourth foal of Irish-jisted winner Baby Brew, whose Golden Fleece colt, named Ashwa, sold for 200,000 guineas last year and has been placed second at Salisbury for Paul Cole this season.

Another choice lot to attract plenty of interest was a brown colt by Nureyev and he made 300,000 guineas when knocked down to Lord Walsley of the Cambridge Bloodstock Agency. He was acting for a Japanese client Hizadaku Date whose Persian Boy won a group one race in Japan this season. This time Stroud was the under-bidder.

Chinoiserie proved painful winner for injured Cochrane

Chinoiserie gave Ray Cochrane his 73rd winner of the season in the Foundation Stakes at Goodwood yesterday, but it was certainly his most painful and could prove very expensive.

Just after passing the post Chinoiserie, who had been running close to the rail, ducked slightly and Cochrane hit his foot. The jockey could not walk when he was dismounted and had to be virtually carried to the scales to weigh in. He felt sure his foot was broken, but after examining Cochrane, Doctor Michael Allen, the Jockey Club's senior medical adviser, said: "I can't tell for sure, but I don't think he's broken anything. He's now going to Chichester Hospital for an X-Ray. He evidently ran into the running rail and he has cut the top of his right foot. It's very sore, and I think the rail drove his stirrup iron into his flesh."

Chinoiserie, running for the first time since his Exel triumph on this course two months ago, quickened brilliantly to take the lead entering the final furlong after Boon Point had made the running. Nomrood made his move at the same time but could make no impression.

Nick Carlisle, fifth on Max Star, said: "It all happened so quickly and the three horses went down like ninespins." George Duffield, on Lilly's Double and Stuart Webster, who partnered Willy's Nice, both walked into the weighing room unscathed, but Ward was taken to the General Medical Centre in Nottingham for X-rays on his left leg and elbow. Webster said: "Willy's Nice fell over Miss Fisa and George Duffield's mount fell over me."

Several riders missed the race because of a massive hold-up on the M25 and Polynor was withdrawn because no suitable jockey was available.

Pile-up at Nottingham

There was a three horse pile-up in the Spottedbelly Stakes at Nottingham yesterday, won by the Colin Tinkler-trained Corbin Lass. The horses fell as the field swung for home, five furlongs out, where Corbin Lass held a clear advantage, which she maintained to the line.

Miss Fisa, ridden by the apprentice Jason Ward, fell and brought down Lilly's Double and Willy's Nice.

Table with 2 columns: Selections and By Our Newmarket Correspondent. Lists various race selections for different meetings.

Table titled '3.10 TATTERSALLS CHEVELEY PARK STAKES'. Lists race details, horse names, jockeys, and odds.

Table titled '3.30 GLEN INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP HURDLE'. Lists race details, horse names, jockeys, and odds.

Table titled 'NEWMARKET Selections' and 'Guide to our new in-line racecard'. Includes race times and brief descriptions.

Table titled '3.40 NEVER SO BOLD FILLYS HANDICAP'. Lists race details, horse names, jockeys, and odds.

Table titled '2.0 Swift Ascent, 2.30 Bashful Lad, 4.30 Mister Pit'. Lists race details, horse names, jockeys, and odds.

Table titled 'FORM' for various horses, providing detailed performance history and comments.

Table titled '4.10 ROUS STAKES' and '4.15 STALERS HANDICAP'. Lists race details, horse names, jockeys, and odds.

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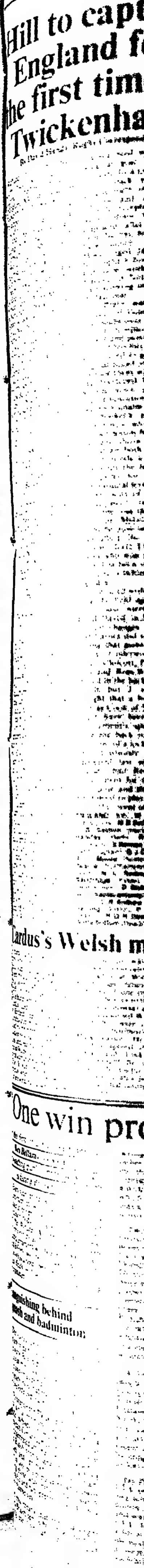
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First Scottish victory for Dickinson

Michael Dickinson saddled his first Flat winner in Scotland when David Nicholson, gaining his first win in the Robert Sangster colours, soon settled down in front and pulled away from his rivals approaching the last four furlongs. Yorkon Bay provided Dickinson with his first success as a flat trainer.

Hamilton

Going good 2.15 (m) 1. MEADOWBANK (M. J. Nicholls). 10-11; 2. R. Little Lady (W. Ryan); 11-4; 3. J. J. J. (Paul Eadery); 11-4; 4. Oly. Salvia (C. P. Cross); 14-1.









Today's television and radio programmes Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Breakfast. Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and...

TV-AM

8.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Jayne Irving and Adrian Brown...

ITV/LONDON

8.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: maths - the number 3...

CHOICE

An instinct, born of five years of writing this feature, tells me that the high points of tonight's viewing are probably three programmes I have not seen...

Radio 4

On long wave (S) Stereo on VHF 5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News Briefing, 6.10 Farming...

Radio 1

On medium wave, and VHF/FM (in stereo) 6.55 Weather, 7.00 News, 7.05 News...

Radio 2

MF (medium wave) Stereo on VHF News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30...

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THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA. MICHAEL SHIFFERD. MICHAEL SHIFFERD. MICHAEL SHIFFERD...

THE BUSINESS OF MURDER. RICHARD HAYES. RICHARD HAYES. RICHARD HAYES...

THE ACTING IS SIZZLE YOU. PATRY BRADY. PATRY BRADY. PATRY BRADY...

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax. 9.15 Daytime on Two ways in which the law affects you...

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces coverage of the Rowley Mile...

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WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsworld 7.00 News. 7.05 Today. Four Hours 7.30 Development 8.00 News...

BBC1 WALES

Wales Today, 6.55-7.00. International Sheepdog Trials, 11.20-12.20...

BBC2 IRELAND

1.20 News 1.30 Sports, 1.35-1.40 Young Doctors, 1.45-1.50...

GRANADA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00pm Ten Green Bottles, 1.20pm-1.30pm...

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00pm Something to Treasure, 1.20pm-1.30pm...

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00pm Gardening Time, 1.20pm-1.30pm...

HTV WALES

As London except: 12.00pm-1.00pm Schools, 1.00pm-1.15pm...

